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Docket No. 1948-4293US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Menard et al.

Serial No. : 09/041,538 Group Art Unit: 1771

Filed : March 11, 1998 Examiner: A. Singh

For : **FRICITION MATERIAL DESIGNED FOR FITTING TO A DEVICE
EMPLOYING FRICITION IN A LIQUID MEDIUM, AND THE
METHOD OF PRODUCING SUCH A FRICITION MATERIAL AND
THE DEVICE TO WHICH IT IS FITTED**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to an outstanding final Office Action dated **March 27, 2002**, the shortened statutory period for response having expired on **June 27, 2002**. Accordingly, an appropriate petition for an extension of time and corresponding fee is attached herewith. If the Commissioner determines that an additional fee or extension of time is required, Applicant hereby petitions for the required extension of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge deposit account 13-4500, order 1948-4293US1.

Please amend the application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Four Times Amended) A friction material designed for fitting to a device employing friction in a liquid medium, the friction material comprising

approximately 20% to 40% by weight a mat of non-woven fibres and

approximately 40% to 60% by weight a thermosetting resin which impregnates said fibres, wherein said fibres have a length of at least 12 mm, wherein the non-woven fibres